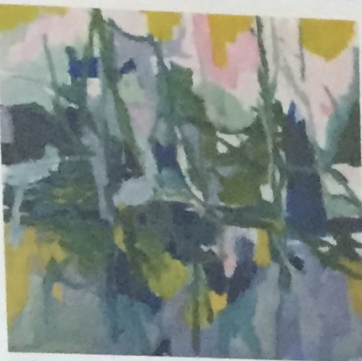


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Robyn Pridham, Landscape, 2013



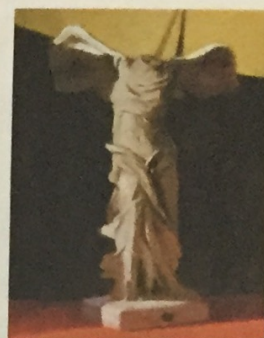
Mother/daughter exhibition Tang Ying & Tang Li



Claire Virgona, Small Edible Perspective I



Portrait by Ray Hewitt, VAS teacher



Don James, Winged Victory

THE VICTORIAN ARTISTS SOCIETY'S upcoming highlights

The Victorian Artists Society is a society for art practitioners and lovers and its home is recognised as one of Victoria's heritage highlights. Come and visit this purpose-built art gallery constructed in 1870, the same year that VAS was established, and walk in the footsteps of Dame Nellie Melba and Fredrick McCubbin – to name just a few. Regular exhibitions from local and international artists always ensure an inspiring visit. Here art, history and contemporary passion are all in action!

ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Learn to paint like the old masters. Students and developing artists have access to the best teaching staff available and can learn all about watercolour, oils, pastels and acrylics with all levels welcome. VAS art classes run during the day and weeknights with members' untutored life and portrait groups held on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Join a one day workshop being held by noted American artist and teacher Mike Kowalski, in watercolours or oils, on Sunday, 22 September. For those interested in Chinese brush painting, a one day workshop with renowned Chinese painting artist Thanh Duong will be held on Sunday, 29 September. Call the office to book now.

THINKING OF EXHIBITING?

The Victorian Artists Society has excellent facilities and first-class exhibition space in its purpose-built galleries. For all exhibition enquiries, please contact our office.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS: MAJOR EXHIBITIONS

There are a number of exciting exhibitions being shown during the latter half of 2013. Following are details of some of the major events.

VAS SPRING EXHIBITION

19 August – 1 September

The Victorian Artists Society's Spring Exhibition features the Deputy Lord Mayor's Award for the painting judged best in show, proudly sponsored by Mr Gordon Moffatt. At each seasonal exhibition – Autumn, Winter, Spring – members vote for their favourite works and at the end of the year the votes are tallied to decide who will be the Artist of the Year. The exhibition will officially be opened on Thursday, 22 August at 7 pm.

SENSATIONS OF ART-MAKING: TRIUMPHS, TORMENTS AND RISK-TAKING

4 – 15 October

The Victorian Artists Society Galleries with the Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne are proud to present *Sensations of Art-making: Triumphs, Torments and Risk-taking*. This exhibition showcases over 75 works of art by 36 professional secondary school artist-teachers, who are exploring the characteristics associated with the creative art-making process across diverse mediums.

The artist-teachers perceive the making and teaching of art as equal and essential to quality teaching and personal wellbeing. Through their works of art and commentaries, the artists creatively and critically examine how their own creative and exhibition outputs increase their

ability to mentor, lead, stimulate and understand their students. They expose the shared sensations that drive their own art production and that of their students', including enthused moments of inspiration, battles, frustrations, joys, exploration, risk-taking, experimentation, play and construction of meaning.

Curator Purnima Ruanglerbutr illuminates how art-making and the artists' freedom of practice contrast with educational priorities of curriculum, content-delivery and assessment – qualities typical of a teacher's regulated profession. The result is an eclectic amalgam of a collection of works that emphasise process as well as the end-product. The artist-teachers are graduates of Melbourne University's Master of Teaching (Secondary Art) program and a full-colour exhibition catalogue will be available. The opening night is 4 October, from 6 pm to 8 pm.

THE VICTORIAN ARTISTS SOCIETY'S ARTIST OF THE YEAR EXHIBITION

25 November – 10 December

Featuring works by artists voted the Society's best for 2013, this is VAS's showcase exhibition. The award is given based on members' choices from all seasonal exhibitions in 2013. As this exhibition will determine the Society's Artist of the Year, displayed works are by invitation only. This year is the 40th VAS Artist of the Year Award, and there is an acquisition prize of \$5,000 for the winner. Additional awards will be announced at the exhibition. The official opening night will be held on Thursday, 28 November at 6.30 pm.

FALSE IDENTITY 13

27 November – 10 December

Coinciding with the VAS Award Exhibition, Joseph Luczynski and Robyn Pridham will hold an exhibition of paintings in the Cato Gallery. *False Identity 13* will comprise works in oil on canvas, mixed media on paper, and will feature artists in the studio, nature and the landscape as well as portraits. Joseph and Robyn are regular exhibitors at the VAS selected exhibitions and have held a number of exhibitions over the last 20 years. In addition Joseph was selected as a finalist for the 2012 VAS Artist of the Year.

MONTHLY PROGRAM

Further program highlights are outlined below.

AUGUST

Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors (MSWPS) exhibition:

Changing Perspectives

2-12 August

Mother and Daughter, an exhibition by

Tang Ying and Tang Li

14 - 20 August

An exhibition function will be held in the Cato

Gallery on Saturday 17 August from 2 - 4 pm

VAS Fellows Exhibition

22 August - 1 September

SEPTEMBER

From Top to Tone: 29th Solo Show of VAS

President Gregory R. Smith

5 - 19 September

Joyce McGrath Collection Exhibition

4 - 10 September



2012 Artist of the Year opening night

VAS Country Members Exhibition

11 - 24 September

Peter Hui Casa Exhibition

20 - 26 September

OCTOBER

Wildlife Art Society Australia Exhibition

3 - 15 October

Don James and Marie James:

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5 - 13 October, opens Sunday 6 October, 2pm

FIVE

16 - 29 October

Australian Medical Association Exhibition

23 - 29 October

Chinese Painting Exhibition

30 October - 4 November

NOVEMBER

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6 - 12 November

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6 - 19 November



L - r: John Hunt, Jane Jones, Mary Hyde (Artist of the Year 2012) and Julian Bruere at AOTY opening night 2012

VAS Teachers Exhibition

6 - 19 November

VAS Students Exhibition

13 - 19 November

ABOUT VAS

VAS is located at 430 Albert Street East Melbourne (opposite St Patrick's Cathedral). Open weekdays from 10 am to 4 pm and weekends from 1 pm to 4 pm, entry is free. For further details regarding the above shows, enquiries about exhibition space or VAS art classes, please call the office between 10 am and 4 pm, Monday to Friday.

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SPRING EXHIBITION

OPENING NIGHT

THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 6.30PM

19 AUG - 1 SEPT

ARTWORK FOR SALE

ARTIST OF THE YEAR

OPENING NIGHT

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 6.30PM

25 NOV - 10 DEC

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